

DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims 1, 3, 5, 6, 10, 14-16, 19, 20, 24-26, 29, 31, 33-39 and 41-43 are pending.
2. Amendment filed 09/16/2009 has been received and considered.

Allowable Subject Matter

3. Claims 1, 3, 5, 6, 10, 14-16, 19, 20, 24-26, 29, 31, 33-39 and 41-43 are allowed.
4. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The prior art teaches the claimed concepts of having two devices maintain communication to deter theft of a device (as put forth in the previous rejections), but the following limitation is not explicitly taught by the prior art: "wherein a range of communications of the first Bluetooth-enabled device is set to match a range of communications of the second Bluetooth-enabled device for avoiding signals of a first range from being received by the second Bluetooth-enabled device from the first Bluetooth-enabled device when the range of communications of the second Bluetooth-enabled device is not large enough to enable a return signal to be sent from the second Bluetooth-enabled device to the first Bluetooth-enabled device" (see this or similar, but not necessarily identical language in the independent claims). The prior art teaches adjusting the range of wireless devices (see Cotton), but fails to teach setting the range of two devices to match as recited in the above claim limitation when in combination with the remaining claimed limitations.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably

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accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

5. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Cotton teaches adjusting the range of wireless devices.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to MICHAEL PYZOCHA whose telephone number is (571)272-3875. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday, 7:00am - 4:30pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Emmanuel Moise can be reached on (571) 272-3865. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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/Michael Pyzocha/
Examiner, Art Unit 2437